



Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding Restriction

Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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